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4. Trace the development of God's revelation of Himself from the time of Abraham to that of Moses.
5. Mention twelve incidents or sayings in the Gospel of S. Luke which you consider most fitted to sustain the Divine Life in the child. Show the parents' possibilities and limitations with regard to this Divine Life.
6. Would you present the results of modern research as proving the truth of the Bible? Why not? Give a brief summary of the most remarkable monumental illustrations of Scripture history.

## II.—Physiology and Health.

1. Show why no clothing is either warm or cool in itself.  
Describe in detail what you consider the best clothing for a boy and girl of eight, showing the principles on which you select each article.
2. Describe the structure and functions of the skin? Why are extensive scalds fatal? Give practical directions for the care of the skin.
3. Give practical instructions for the (artificial) feeding and clothing of a child of three and eight months. Give the physiological reasons.
4. Write clear directions for the management of a sick room,  
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5. Is it a certain gain for a child of five or six to do no lessons? Give physiological reasons for your answer.

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1. Give Richter's theories as to the education of girls.
2. From what causes does untruthfulness commonly arise ?  
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4. Show the importance of the initial idea in both moral and intellectual education.
5. Give suggestions for the teaching of (a) History, (b) French, (c) Modelling in Clay, (d) Needlework.
6. How would you train a child in reverence, endurance, kindness to animals, self-control, and attention ?
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3. What teaching would you give children as to idolatry? On what grounds would you enforce the duty of missionary effort?
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(THREE YEARS). Second Year.

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1. The Apostles' Creed. *The Historic Faith*, by Bishop Westcott (Macmillan, 4/6).
2. David. Solomon. The Prophets.
  - a, As arranged in *Clews to Holy Writ* (Hodder & Stoughton, 1/6). Read the passages in the Bible.
  - b, *Prophets and Kings*, by F. D. Maurice (Macmillan, 2/8).
  - c, *The Dawn of Revelation*, by Miss M. Bramston (Simpkin & Co., 5/-).
3. Illustrations of period.
  - a, *The Times of Isaiah*, by Prof. Sayce, 1/6.
  - b, *Assyria*, by Prof. Sayce, 1/6.
  - c, *Babylonian Life and History*, by E. A. Wallis Budge, 1/6. (All, R.T.S.)
4. Practical Teaching of Religion.
  - a, Chapters on religious teaching in *Home Education, Parents and Children, Ourselves, our Souls and Bodies*, by C. M. Mason (Kegan Paul, 3/6 each).
  - b, *The Natural Religion*, by the Rev. V. Staley (Mowbray & Co., 1/-).
  - c, *How to use the Prayer Book\** (optional), by Mrs. Romanes (Longmans, 2/-).
  - d, *Pastor Pastorum*, by Rev. H. Latham, (Bell, 4/11).

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1. The organs of the body and their functions.  
 a, *Lessons in Elementary Physiology*, by Professor Huxley (Macmillan, 3/-), chapters i.-vi.  
 b, *The Little Red Mannikin*, by Owen Lankester (Allman, 2/-).
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 a, *Lectures on Nursing*, by E. C. Lückes (Kegan Paul & Co., 3/9).  
 b, *The Preservation of Health*, by Clement Dukes, M.D. (Longmans, 5/-).

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 a, *Parents and Children*, by C. M. Mason (Kegan Paul & Co., 3/6).  
 b, Carpenter's *Mental Physiology*, Book I. (Kegan Paul & Co., 9/-).  
 c, *The Education of the Central Nervous System* (Halleck), lectures vi.-xii. (Macmillan, 5/-).
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 b, *The Making of Character*, by J. MacCunn (Cambridge University Press, 1/11).  
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 b, *Emile*, edited by Jules Steeg (Heath & Co., 1/6).  
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 d, *Four Socratic Dialogues* (Oxford Press, 3/6).
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 a, *The Herbartian Psychology applied to Education*, by J. Adams (Ibsister, 2/8).

b, *The Training of Teachers*, by Professor Laurie  
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7. Which of the birds described by Mr. Ward Fowler have you made acquaintance with this year ? What have you observed ?

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## *Mothers' Educational Course.*

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(THREE YEARS.)      *Third Year.*

### I. DIVINITY.

*To help Mothers to give such teaching as should confirm their children in the Christian Religion.*

1. The Bible. *The Gospel of the Resurrection*, by Bishop Westcott (Macmillan, 4/6).
2. From Jeremiah to the time of Christ. The Psalms. This part of the Bible, to be read with *Clews to Holy Writ*, by M. Petrie (Hodder & Stoughton, 1/6).
3. Illustrations of the period. *Egypt and Syria*, by J. W. Dawson; *Assyria*, by Professor Sayce; *Babylonian Life and History*, by E. A. Wallis Budge. (All, R.T.S., 1/6 each), or, better than these three, *Light from the East, or the Witness of the Monuments*, by the Rev. C. N. Ball (Eyre & Spottiswoode, 9/-).
4. *The Gospel of S. John*, by Bishop Westcott (Murray, 7/11).
5. (a) *The Sunrise of Revelation*, by Miss M. Bramston (Murray, 5/-); (b) *Religious Teaching in Secondary Schools*, by G. C. Bell (Macmillan, 2/8); (c) *An Elementary Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer*, by Maclear and Procter (Macmillan, 1/11); (d) *A First Class-Book of the Catechism* (Macmillan, 6d.). (c and d optional.)

### II. PHYSIOLOGY AND HEALTH.

*To give the knowledge necessary for the care and development of children in sickness and health.*

1. The Brain and Nervous System. Chapters on these subjects in *Mental Physiology*, by Dr. Carpenter; *Lessons in Elementary Physiology*, by Professor Huxley (Macmillan, 3/5), chapters vii.-xii.
2. The Laws of Health. *Sanitary Work*, by C. Slagg (Crosby & Lockwood, 2/6).
3. *Health in Schools*, by Clement Dukes, M.D. (6/9).

### III. MENTAL AND MORAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION.

*To show the principles of Education and methods based on these principles.*

#### 1. MENTAL PHYSIOLOGY.

- a, Chapters in the "Home Education" Series.*
- b, Mental Physiology, by Dr. Carpenter (Kegan Paul & Co., 9/-), Book II.*
- c, Thomson's Laws of Thought (Longmans), (omitting chapters on Logic).*

#### 2. ETHICS.

- a, Chapters in the "Home Education" Series.*
- b, Moral Instruction of Children, by Felix Adler (Arnold, 4/6). (See Review in Parents and Children).*
- c, Pastor Agnorum, by Canon I. H. Skrine (Longmans, 3/9).*
- d, Plato's Republic, edited by Lewis Campbell (Murray, 1/6).*
- e, Coleridge's The Friend (Bell, 3/6).*
- f, Ourselves, our Souls and Bodies, Part II.*

#### 3. EDUCATION, THEORY OF.

- a, Chapters in the "Home Education" Series.*
- b, Education from a National Standpoint, by A. Fouillée, translated by Greenstreet (Arnold, 7/6).*
- c, Educational Theories, by O. Browning (Kegan Paul, 2/8).*

#### 4. EDUCATION. TEACHING.

- a, Chapters in the "Home Education" Series.*
- b, Physiography, by Professor Huxley (Macmillan, 4/6).*
- c, Laws of Everyday Life, by H. O. Arnold Forster (Cassell, 1/2).*
- d, Vittorino da Feltre, by W. H. Woodward (Cambridge Press, 4/6).*

#### IV. NATURE-LORE AND THE ELEMENTS OF SCIENCE.

*To enable Mothers to awaken their Children's interest in Nature and to give them their first ideas.*

1. Elements of Botany. *Chapters on Modern Botany*, by Professor P. Geddes (University Manual, 2/8).
2. *Objects of the Seashore*. *The Seashore*, by Furneaux (Longmans, 6/-).
3. *The Study of Animal Life*, by Professor J. A. Thomson (University Extension Manual, 3/9).
4. Geikie's *Outlines of Field Geology* (Macmillan, 2/8).
5. *The Story of the Heavens*, by Sir R. Ball (Cassell & Co., 7/11).

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N.B. — The use of the test questions in the “*Home Educationom*” Series will show the student what portions of each volume it is necessary to re-read.

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The work for the third year is in advance of that of the second.

The final examination will touch the principles gathered throughout the course, but will cover the text books of only the final year's study.

The “Nature Lore” for the third year's course is intended to put Mothers in touch with the thought of the day.

Much of the matter is familiar; but it is one thing to read a work carelessly, and quite another to study it definitely with a view to examination.

The year's work may be done by reading at the rate of about 100 pages a week for ten months. The order of this reading is left to the student.

The examinations will fall twice a year—the first week in *June* and the first week in *December*; when examination papers will be sent to the students.

An examination can always be postponed by writing to the Secretary, House of Education Ambleside, at least a week before the months of June and December.

The final examination on Human Physiology and Hygiene will be for the diploma of the *National Health Society*.

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The first half of each of the works set for study will be examined upon in the first examination, except in the case of the "*Home Education*" Series.

The volumes of the "*Home Education*" Series have been specially prepared to embody the distinctive teaching of the P.N.E.U.; therefore a large number of questions will be set upon those volumes in each examination of the course; the chapters bearing on each of the subjects indicated in each syllabus must be prepared.

#### P.N.E.U. READING COURSE.

"The attention of members is called to the New Course of Reading, which is free to all members of the Union. It is confined to the *distinctive* teaching of the Union, and therefore to the volumes of the '*Home Education*' Series, the contents of which have been specially prepared from time to time for the use of the *Parents' National Educational Union*. The method of these volumes is a progressive amplification of the principles of the Union. It is, therefore, desirable that the books should be studied in numerical order.\* Each volume will be furnished with a full table of contents and with numerous questions which should aid the reader in self-examination. On application to the Office a form may be had which runs as follows:—

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(Signed)

This form should be returned to the Office, and the reader would then be entered on the list of 'qualified members' of the P.N.E.U." (See P.N.E.U. Leaflet).

Members of the M.E.C. who satisfy the above conditions should write to the Secretary for the form for "qualified members."

Many of the books mentioned in this Programme can be borrowed from the P.N.E.U. Library, 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W., but as books are chosen which should be a possession to mothers it is very much better to buy the books. The student is free to underline, make marginal notes, etc., in her own books as she could not do in borrowed volumes.

The books mentioned can all be obtained, at the prices quoted, from G. J. Glaisher, 58, High St., Notting Hill Gate, London, W.

\* 1. *Home Education*. 2. *Parents and Children*. 3. *School Education*.  
4. *Essays in Practical Education*. 5. *Ourselves, Our Souls and Bodies*.  
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